

Collettsville PAC Meeting

Minutes

December 12th, 2022

Collettsville School Library Meeting Location @ 6:00pm

Attendees: Stacy Hebner, Nicole Schulte, John Chenowith, Rene Aubin, Lena Coutu, Angela Russell, Heather Yastremsky

1. Call to Order 1805hrs

2. Approval of the minutes from November 21st, 2022: by consensus

3. New Business

a) Communication with Grade 7 Parents: Having difficulty with getting parental commitment regarding a trip as, up until yesterday (Dec 11, 2022) there has been little information from the school (Rene) to the parents regarding details for the trip. Looking at 11 committed families to attend Quebec City during Carnavale (Feb 5ish to 12ish depending on flight prices etc). It appears that it will be a privately planned trip opposed to a tour company. Two male and one female chaperone. Cost is close to \$2500/ student. Angela Russell is the volunteer coordinator for this trip. Some of the federal funding that Rene applied for and received (see meeting minutes from Nov 21, 2022) can be used towards attendance into cultural events, etc. Rene has requested a parent meeting January 9, 2023.

b) Movie Night: Thursday December 15, 2022 5:45pm start. Tickets will only be sold at the door. Lena will assist with organizing; grade 7's to help with making tickets, preparing for bake sale, etc. Heather has purchased the DVD and will then do a draw to have it given to a student. Heather, Angela, Stacy and Nathan (Russell) will be there to help.

c) English Teacher: Newly graduated: Kendall Cunningham. Starts in classroom tomorrow!

d) Ski trip & Carnavale:

Carnavale will be January 23-27. Bringing back all the classic activities including skating, tobogganing, taco races for odd numbered grades, opening and closing ceremonies, pancake lunch. Opening and closing ceremonies.

Ski trip: Grades 1-7. Looking at Feb 22-23, 2023. Hoping for Sun Peaks. Looking at offering alternative activities for students who don't want to ski. ?snowshoe at Sun Peaks.

e) Mme Kibbee class report cards: She is away at this time and will not be back before the New Year. Rene is completing report cards for her class and has indicated he will have them done before winter break.

4. Old Business

a) Harambee & other fundraiser updates: Over \$1300 raised for Harambee this year! Growing Smiles raised \$601.21; MacVicar's \$184.00.

5. Reports

a) Trustee: Election in October, 2 new trustees on the Board. Attended "Trustee Academy" in Vancouver, John did two presentations there, one on DRIPA (Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act) and what does this mean regarding Public Education in BC. This looks at variants including racism, funding models, etc.

Province gave out school district approx. \$250000 as a onetime fund (Affordability Grant). Formal request to the province to continue this funding.

At District level, lots of talk about learning continuity, specifically within the Merritt and Princeton areas due to the many disruptions that have been had over the last two years.

b) Financial: Operating account \$5723.60; Gaming account \$ 8168.69

c) Principal: See above re Carnavale and Ski trip. 3 Different grants outside of regular funding. One was the Affordability Grant: this is dispersed when people reach out and indicate they may need help. Another grant was federal French Immersion Funding for resources, learning assistance (this may be challenging re staffing etc), and cultural events. Third grant is a Mental Health Grant- this is around supporting all students in the school; school is looking at programming for this and Stacy has reached out to some colleagues and will bring some information on this forward at this next meeting.

Rene will be reaching out to parents in the new year for intramural sports and looking for some assistance with this.

Basketball starting in January for intermediate students; Rene and Blake Chursinoff will coach, ? rugby, volleyball has been going well.

Teachers have ratified their new contract increasing pay significantly which hopefully makes BC more attractive to teachers 😊

6. Next meeting(s): January 16 @ 6pm in CV school library.